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## Saguaro National Park News Release

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### **Special Program on Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge offered at Saguaro National Park West**

Saturday, September 22 • 3:00 p.m. • Saguaro National Park West Theater

**Gary Tuell**

Volunteer Caretaker and Naturalist, BANWR

Hear about the history of the Altar Valley, from the "Little Ice Age" through the introduction of cattle by early settlers. Learn about how climate and habitat changes eliminated the Mexican Bobwhite Quail from its only stronghold in the U.S., and what the Fish and Wildlife Service is doing to restore the species and its habitat. Find out what natural and political issues face this magnificent wildlife refuge. Gary Tuell, volunteer naturalist and caretaker at the Refuge's Brown Canyon Educational Center, will present a Powerpoint slide program on this fascinating area and the impacts and issues it faces.

Gary Tuell was born in Bisbee, Arizona. He majored in zoology with a botany/chemistry minor, and received a degree in Wildlife Management from the University of Arizona. He has worked with the state of Alaska as a Natural Resource Specialist, and with Pima County. He has been a naturalist at BANWR for 5 years.